

3. REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in the current application. Claims 15-20 and 24 have been allowed. The first Office Action dated April 26, 2005 in this Application has been carefully considered. The above amendments and the following remarks are presented in a sincere attempt to overcome the objections and rejections as to claims 25-36 raised by the Examiner in therein. Claim 25 has been amended in this Response, and Claims 31 and 33-35 have been cancelled. Claims 1-14 and 21-23 were withdrawn from consideration in a previous response. Reconsideration and allowance of Claims 25-30, 32 and 36 are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 28-30, 32 and 35-36 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim that would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Claim 27 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over US Patent 3,971,323 to Beiswenger in view of US Patent 5,261,763 to Crowell. In response, Claim 25 was amended to include the limitations of Claim 35. Claims 27-30, 32 and 36 depend from amended Claim 25 that now includes the additional limitations of Claim 35. Further in view of the foregoing, it is apparent that the cited references do not disclose, teach or suggest the unique combination now recited in amended Claim 25 and Claim 27, which depends therefrom. Applicant therefore submits that Claim 27, in light of the amendments to Claim 25 from which it depends, is clearly and precisely distinguishable over the cited references in a patentable sense, and is therefore allowable over these references.

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In light of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the objections made by the Examiner in the Office Action have been overcome. Applicant respectfully requests that the objections to/rejections of Claims 25-30, 32 and 36 be withdrawn in light of the above arguments and amendments, and that these claims be allowed in addition to Claims 15-20 and 24.

Applicant does not believe any fee is due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Applicant be in error, the Examiner is authorized to charge any required fees (other than issue fees) due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-2180 of Storm LLP. Should the Examiner have any questions or desire clarification of any sort, or deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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